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RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION
BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

9:00 A.M.

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Johnston, RI 02919

In Attendance

Michael Sabitoni, Chair and Ad-Hoc on all Subcommittees
Geoffrey Kirkman, Vice Chair and Recycling Subcommittee Chair
Jared Rhodes (on behalf of Commissioner DiBiase)
Judith Kawa, Recycling Subcommittee Member
Lori Ann Pezzullo, Recycling Subcommittee Member (Departed at 10:35 A.M.)
Geri-Ann DiPaolo, Governance Subcommittee Member
Joseph White, Governance Subcommittee Chair

Absent

Jeanne Boyle, Treasurer and Finance Subcommittee Chair
Michael DiBiase, Governance and Finance Subcommittee Member
Charles Lombardi, Finance Subcommittee Member

Staff Present

Michael OConnell, Executive Director
Brian Card, Director of Operations and Engineering
Christine Jocelyn, Human Resources Director
Nancy Minson, Human Resources Coordinator
Rob Lough, Security Officer and Safety Coordinator
Michael McGonagle, Director of Information Systems and Business Analysis
Dean Huff, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Reeves, Director of Public Policy, Programs, and Planning
Kristin Littlefield, Municipal Coordinator
Doug Wilson, Broadrock

Others Present

Ron Ronzio, Allied Court Reporter
Joe Rodio, Jr., Rodio & Ursillo
David Ursillo, Rodio & Ursillo
Jerry Petros

Call to Order

Chair Sabitoni called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Roll call followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners DiPaolo, Kawa, Kirkman, Pezzullo, Rhodes, and White present.

Agenda Items

1. Executive Session

Motion to move into Executive Session made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Roll call taken while in executive session. Commissioners DiPaolo, Kawa, Kirkman, Pezzullo, Rhodes, and White present. Passed 7-0.

Motion to seal executive session minutes made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Pezzullo. Passed 7-0.

Motion to move to regular session made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 7-0.

2. Executive Director's Update

Our Landfill Trust Funds are currently invested in short term and intermediate term bonds. After speaking to our investment advisor, Meketa, we made the decision to move them out of active trade funds and into passive trade funds in the same category. By doing this, it will save up to \$120k a year in fees. We will continue to be invested in short term and intermediate term bonds so our strategy will remain the same.

Resource Recovery made a submission to the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) for a Safety Award. Within the last couple of years we have significantly reduced our accident rate and days lost, which helps to drive down our Workers' Comp rates.

In late summer, the Bureau of Audits will review Resource Recovery's compliance with the Transparency Act.

Our website is in the process of being updated, and it should be completed towards the end of the summer.

Resource Recovery opposed the State of RI taking \$1.5M out of our fund this year and we have a hearing on that next week with the Senate. Sarah Reeves provided a list on the current bills that will be addressed tonight at the General Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 2178 – would phase in additional requirements for commercial businesses to separate food waste.

Senate Bill No. 2179 – would add a non-voting board member to our Board of Commissioners from RI Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2182 – would require the Corporation to produce detail of economic impact of recycling and solid waste.

Senate Bill No. 2186 – sets a 50% diversion target as state policy.

Senate Bill No. 2266 – would direct the Corporation to contract for the collection of recyclables from state agencies, institutions, and educational facilities.

Senate Bill No. 2527 – is a Senator Miller’s bill regarding prohibiting retail establishments from making available plastic check out bags, plastic water bottles, and styrofoam disposable food containers at the point of sale.

Senate Bill No. 2605 – is the user responsibility program for printed paper and packaging.

Senate Bill No. 2606 – will modernize the definitions of recycling and recyclable materials.

Senate Bill No. 2093 – authorizes the DEM Director to issue emergency transfer station licenses.

Senate Bill No. 2797 – will move all recycling oversight to Resource Recovery.

Senate Bill No. 2095 – requires manufacturers of mercury-containing lamps to establish and implement a statewide collection for the recycling of mercury-containing lamps.

3. Good and Welfare for the Audience

None.

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve regular session meeting minutes from 02/24/16 made by Commissioner Kawa and seconded by Commissioner Rhodes. Passed 7-0.

5. New Contracts

a. General Landfill Consultants

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contractual agreements for services related to general landfill consulting with the following firms for services to be provided in accordance with RFQ/RFP No. 727 and the proposals submitted by each respondent, including their billing rates: GHD Services, Inc. of Plainville, CT; HDR, Inc. of Boston, MA; and Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Raynham, MA. The total contract value between the firms shall not exceed \$1,900,000. The contracts will commence on or about April 1, 2016 and continue until March 31, 2017 with the Corporation’s option to renew some or all of the contracts, with each consultant’s mutual consent, for two additional one-year periods. Motion to approved made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 7-0.

b. Engineering Consultants

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contractual agreements for services related to environmental consulting and engineering with the following firms for services to be provided in accordance with RFQ/RFP No. 726 and the proposals submitted by each respondent, including their billing rates: CDM Smith; SCS Engineers; GZA Geoenvironmental, Inc. The total contract value between the firms shall not exceed \$1,200,000. The contracts will commence on or about April 1, 2016 and continue until March 31, 2017 with the Corporation’s option to renew some of all of the contracts, with each consultant’s mutual consent, for two additional one-

year periods. Motion to approved made by Commissioner Rhodes and seconded by Commissioner Kawa. Passed 7-0.

c. Phase VI, Areas 1 and 2 Cell Construction

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contractual agreement for the IFB No. 148 Phase VI Areas 1A and 2 Baseliners Project with J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. of Cumberland, RI for an amount not to exceed \$12,223,450 for the base bid, \$1,786,573 for the provisionary non-fixed bid item amounts, and \$1,336,550 for the work associated with the Ponds. Additionally, RIRRC requests a contingency amount of \$1,222,345 (10% of the base bid amount). The contingency amount shall only be used with prior written approval by the Executive Director. The total amount requested for approval is \$16,568,867. The full contract term will commence on April 1, 2016 and continue until December 31, 2017. Motion to approved made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Kirkman. Passed 6-0. Chair Sabitoni recused himself.

d. Compost Sales Agreement

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to execute the Product Marketing Agreement between Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and New England Waste Services of ME, Inc. (d/b/a Casella Organics) for a two year term with two year renewals. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 7-0.

6. Contract Increases or Extensions

None.

7. Other Business

a. Johnston Clean Power Contract Amendment

Discussed and voted on during executive session.

b. Commercial Prices

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to implement the attached commercial price increases effective 7/1/16 in order to reduce solid waste volumes and preserve landfill life. Motion made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner White. Passed 7-0.

c. Grant Policy Revision

When funding is available, the Board of Commissioners may approve municipal grant requests. The grants are restricted to a fiscal year basis and the total amount for the grants is \$50,000. The policy and submission guidelines for the grant program were provided to the full board of commissioners.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Executive Director to begin the rule making process to establish the Corporation's grant making policy.

Motion to approved made by Commissioner Kirkman and seconded by Commissioner DiPaolo. Passed. 6-0.

8. Next Regular Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. with Finance Subcommittee meeting starting at 8:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DiPaolo and seconded by Commissioner Rhodes. Passed 6-0.

Adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

